



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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11V-178

SUBJECT: OXYGEN SENSOR WIRING HARNESS

DEAR MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Thor Industries' on behalf of Thor Motor Coach (TMC) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

THOR/CHATEAU/2011
THOR/CHATEAU CITATION/2011
THOR/FOUR WINDS/2011
THOR/FOUR WINDS SIESTA/2011
THOR/FREEDOM ELITE/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-178

Mfg's Report Date: March 15, 2011

Components: EQUIPMENT: ELECTRICAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 126

Summary:

THOR MOTOR COACH (TMC) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 FOUR WINDS, FOUR WINDS SIESTA, CHATEAU, CHATEAU CITATION, AND FREEDOM ELITE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2011, THROUGH MARCH 9, 2011. THE WIRING FOR THE OXYGEN (O2) SENSOR THAT CONNECTS TO THE CATALYTIC CONVERTER MAY NOT BE PROPERLY SECURED. WHEN NOT SECURED, WIRING CAN FALL ONTO THE EXHAUST, MELT, AND SHORT OUT CAUSING A CHECK ENGINE LIGHT (CEL) AND, IN SOME CASES, THE ENGINE TO SHUT DOWN WHILE DRIVING.

Consequence:

AN ENGINE SHUT DOWN WHILE DRIVING INCREASES THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL SECURE THE OXYGEN SENSOR BY INSTALLING A CLAMP AND BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL FASTENER FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TMC WARRANTY SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 1-877-500-1020.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The chronology of principal events in your defect report does not satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6. Please provide a chronology that meets the minimum requirements of 573.6(c)(6) including, but not limited to, a summary of the complaints and field information referenced, with dates of receipt, as well as the date when the production process modification was made.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Timian", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement